

REMARKS

Claim 15 has been cosmetically amended. Claims 2, 4 to 10, 12, 15, 17, 18, 20 and 23 remain active in this application.

Claims 1 to 10, 12, 15, 17, 18, 20 and 23 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph, as failing to comply with the written description requirement in the use of the term "un-encapsulated". The rejection is respectfully traversed. This term is used at page 16, last line.

Claims 2, 5 to 10, 15, 17, 18 and 23 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Inaba (JP 2001-217388). The rejection is respectfully traversed.

The subject application bears an effective filing date of December 28, 2000 whereas Inaba bears a publication date of August 10, 2001. Accordingly, Inaba is not available as a reference in this application. Inaba is not available as a reference in view of the Petition filed concurrently herewith. The subject application was filed December 26, 2001 as evidenced by the papers on file and as noted in the Petition filed concurrently herewith. The subject application claims priority based upon provisional application Serial No. 60/258,525, filed December 28, 2000. The provisional application was filed less than one year prior to the filing of the subject application.

Claims 4, 12, and 20 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Inaba in view of Denes (U.S. 5,220,488). The rejection is respectfully traversed since Inaba is not available as a reference for reasons stated above.

In view of the above remarks, favorable reconsideration and allowance are respectfully requested.

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